

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARIA TORRES, et al.,

V.

CITY OF MADERA,

1:02-cv-06385 AWI GSA

I. Date of Scheduling Conference

September 22, 2008.

1 **II. Appearances of Counsel**

2 Cameron Stewart appeared telephonically on behalf of Plaintiffs. Defendants
3 City of Madera and Marcy Noreiga appeared telephonically by counsel Bruce Praet.

4 **III. Background**

5 On April 8, 2005, the Court granted Defendants' partial summary judgment dismissing all
6 federal causes of action, leaving state claims intact. Plaintiffs appealed. On May 5, 2008, the
7 Ninth Circuit reversed the grant of summary judgment and remanded to the matter for further
8 proceedings and analysis.

9 Discovery in this matter is complete. The parties requested a scheduling conference to
10 establish a motion cut-off date and briefing schedule, a pretrial conference date and a trial date in
11 this matter.

12 **IV. Pre-Trial Motion Schedule**

13 Any motion for summary judgment shall be filed no later than January 23, 2009.
14 Response to such motion(s) shall be filed no later than February 20, 2009. Reply(ies) shall be
15 filed no later than March 13, 2009. A hearing on the motion(s) for summary judgment shall be
16 held on April 13, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 2 before the Honorable Anthony W. Ishii,
17 United States District Court Judge.

18 **V. Pre-Trial Conference Date**

19 June 11, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 2 before the Honorable Anthony W. Ishii.

20 The parties are ordered to file a **Joint Pretrial Statement pursuant to Local Rule 16-**
21 **281(a)(2).** The parties are further directed to submit a digital copy of their pretrial statement in
22 Word Perfect X3¹ format, directly to Judge Ishii's chambers by emailing it to
23 awiorders@caed.uscourts.gov.

24 The parties' attention is directed to **Rules 16-281 and 16-282 of the Local Rules** of

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26 ¹ If WordPerfect X3 is not available to the parties then the latest version of WordPerfect
27 or any other word processing program in general use for IBM compatible personal computers is
28 acceptable.

Practice for the Eastern District of California, as to the obligations of counsel in preparing for the pre-trial conference. The Court will insist upon strict compliance with those rules.

VI. Trial Date

The trial will be held on August 18, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 2 before the Honorable Anthony W. Ishii, United States District Judge.

A. This is a jury trial.

B. Parties' Estimate of Trial Time: 8-10 days.

Parties' attention is directed to Local Rules of Practice for the Eastern District of California, Rule 16-285, for preparation of trial briefs.

VII. Settlement Conference

Should the parties desire an additional settlement conference in this matter, they will jointly request one of the court, and one will be arranged. In making such request, the parties are directed to notify the court as to whether or not they desire the undersigned to conduct the settlement conference or to arrange for one before another judicial officer.

VIII. Request for Bifurcation, Appointment of Special Master, or other Techniques to Shorten Trial

Defendants would request bifurcation of individual liability from entity (Monell) liability and bifurcation of liability from damages if, after summary judgment, Plaintiffs' civil rights theories of liability remain. Plaintiffs would object to and oppose bifurcation.

IX. Related Matters Pending

The parties have not identified any related matters.

X. Compliance with Federal Procedure

The parties are expected to familiarize themselves with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of Practice of the Eastern District of California, and to keep abreast of any amendments thereto. The Court must insist upon compliance with these Rules if it is to efficiently handle its increasing case load and sanctions will be imposed for failure to follow

1 the Rules as provided in both the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of
2 Practice for the Eastern District of California.

3 **XI. Effect of this Order**

4 The foregoing order represents the best estimate of the Court and the parties as to the
5 agenda most suitable to dispose of this case. The trial date reserved is specifically reserved for
6 this case. If the parties determine at any time that the schedule outlined in this order cannot be
7 met, counsel are ordered to notify the Court immediately of that fact so that adjustments may be
8 made, either by stipulation or by subsequent status conference.

9 Stipulations extending the deadlines contained herein will not be considered unless they
10 are accompanied by affidavits or declarations, and where appropriate attached exhibits, which
11 establish good cause for granting the relief requested.

12 Failure to comply with this order may result in the imposition of sanctions.

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16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

17 **Dated: September 22, 2008**

/s/ Gary S. Austin
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE